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MR. SPEAKER :—"I shall now pass on to Question No. 1885."

SRI C. H. KANARAN :—"On a point of order, Sir. The Hon. Minister has not answered the points raised in the supplementary question . . ." 3-50 p.m.

MR. SPEAKER :—"If the Hon. Minister has not answered the question fully, the hon. Member may give notice of a fresh question."

Rural dispensary at Trikarpur.

* 1885 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the rural dispensary at Trikarpur in South Kanara has been closed ; and

(*b*) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"(*a*) Yes, Sir.

"(*b*) Non-availability of a qualified Medical Officer for appointment as Rural Medical Practitioner."

SRI M. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—"May I know from the Hon. Minister when this dispensary was closed and whether there is any possibility of appointing a doctor as Rural Medical Practitioner?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"The dispensary remains closed since 28th February 1954. The district board has not been able to get a qualified practitioner for the dispensary."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—"Are the Government aware of the fact that doctors are not coming forward to work in Rural Dispensaries because the pay and allowances given are very meagre? In view of this fact, may I know whether the Government will be pleased to increase the pay and allowances of Rural Medical Practitioners? May I also know what steps the Government have taken to see that a doctor is appointed for the rural dispensary at Trikarpur as the hospital has to serve lakhs of people in and around that place?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"Rural dispensaries are under the control of district boards and it is, therefore, their duty to find qualified doctors for managing the rural dispensaries under their control. As regards the question of enhancing the pay of Rural Dispensary Doctors, it is a matter which is being considered in connexion with the Second Five-Year Plan."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—"Inasmuch as this is a matter of social service, will the Government make it a condition for granting Diploma or Degree in this matter that the holder will

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serve in such rural institutions as directed by the Government for a certain period so that such things as have been pointed out in the question may not happen? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" This suggestion has been made by several people on several occasions and this will be considered."

Salaputhur Tank in Ginjee taluk.

*1886 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 261, given on 26th December 1953—

(*a*) the steps taken to restore the Salaputhur Tank in Nallanpillaipethal, Gingee taluk, South Arcot district; and

(*b*) the stage at which the matter stands now?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The supply and storage to the Salaputhur tank even at the present Full Tank Level is sufficient for irrigating the ayacut lands, which are also having as many as 85 wells to supplement the irrigation. Any further raising of the Full Tank Level will seriously affect the supply of water to the lower down Pakkam tank. For these reasons the proposal is not acceptable."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, in the year 1927, 150 acres were fixed as the ayacut for this tank. Two years ago, the Executive Engineer for Food Production who inspected this tank found that the tank capacity was only 50 acres. Thus, there is a gap of about 100 acres. May I know what are the steps taken by the Government to fill this gap of 100 acres? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I do not understand how this gap arises."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" It is known very well, Sir, that every tank is silted up and this is the only reason why there is a gap of 100 acres. Is it not the duty of the Government to see that this gap is filled up? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" Yes, Sir. The gap will be filled up by taking the silt and throwing it out."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" May I know what is the significance of the word 'Nallanpillaipethal' occurring in the question? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" I also laughed over that word. The word probably means a woman giving birth to good male children."